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TO ALL INVOLVED JUDGES

Re: MDL-1625—In re THCI Company LLC Contract Litigation

(See Attached Schedule of Actions)

Dear Judges:

Presently before the Panel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 is a motion to transfer including at least one action before you in the above-described docket. The parties will have an opportunity to fully brief the question of transfer and the matter will be considered at a bimonthly Panel hearing session. The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of the effect of the pendency of the action before the Panel. Panel Rule 1.5, 199 F.R.D. 425, 427 (2001), provides:

The pendency of a motion, order to show cause, conditional transfer order or conditional remand order before the Panel concerning transfer or remand of an action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 does not affect or suspend orders and pretrial proceedings in the district court in which the action is pending and does not in any way limit the pretrial jurisdiction of that court.

Thus your jurisdiction continues until any transfer ruling becomes effective. If you have a motion pending before you in the action – particularly a motion to remand to state court (if the action was removed to your court) – you are encouraged to rule on the motion unless you conclude that the motion raises issues likely to arise in other actions in the transferee court, should we order transfer, and would best be decided there.

Please feel free to contact our staff in Washington with any questions.

Kindest regards,



Wm. Terrell Hodges
Chairman

Attachment

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS
DOCKET NO. 1625
IN RE THCI COMPANY LLC CONTRACT LITIGATION**

District of Connecticut

Mediplex of Connecticut, Inc. v. 745 Highland Ave. Operating Co., LLC, C.A. No. 3:04-754 (Judge Christopher F. Droney)

District of Massachusetts

Mediplex of Massachusetts, Inc. v. Park, Marion & Vernon Streets Operating Co., LLC, C.A. No. 1:04-10903

(Judge Reginald C. Lindsay)

Mediplex Rehabilitation of Massachusetts, Inc. v. 910 Saratoga & 16-20 Trident Streets, LLC, et al., C.A. No. 1:04-10904

(Judge Patti B. Saris)

District of New Jersey

Sun Healthcare Group, Inc., et al. v. THCI Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:04-1202 (Judge Harold A. Ackerman)